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SUBJECT: U.S.-AFGHAN RELATIONS IN UN

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS USED OCCASION OF JANUARY 30 "COURTESY CALL" BY AFGHAN AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR TO OUTLINE NEW EMPHASIS IN U.S. APPROACH TO MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY. STRESSING THAT HE WAS NOT SINGLING OUT AFGHANISTAN, LEWIS SAID IT WAS OUR HOPE THAT BY MORE THOROUGH AND FREQUENT CONSULTATION, UN MEMBERS--PARTICULARLY THE NONALIGNED-- WOULD EXERCISE MORE CARE IN TAKING POSITIONS AND VOTING ON UN RESOLUTIONS THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE. IT IS ONLY NATURAL, HE ADDED, WHEN MANY COUNTRIES WANTED U.S. SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE, THAT WE WOULD WANT TO ASSURE OURSELVES THAT COOPERATION WORKED BOTH WAYS. HE CITED PUERTO RICO AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF ISSUE TO WHICH WE ATTACHED IMPORTANCE BUT WHICH DID NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TOUCH INTERESTS OF

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MANY ASIAN, AFRICAN, OR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. SUCH ADVANCE CONSULTATION CAN WORK BOTH WAYS AND MAKE THE UN SERVE EVERYONE'S INTERESTS BETTER.

2. MALIKYAR REPLIED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME SUCH EXCHANGES OF VIEWS. IT WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT, HE SAID, THAT THIS BE DONE IN ADVANCE WHEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR THE SMALLER, LESS WELL-STAFFED DELEGATIONS TO KEEP UP WITH ISSUES. HE ALSO SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE MORE CONTACT WHEN ISSUES ARISE UNEXPECTEDLY IN NEW YORK. HE CITED THE UNGA RESOLUTION ON GUAM, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND SAMOA AS ONE ON WHICH NO ONE CONSULTED WITH HIS COUNTRY IN ADVANCE. ON PUERTO RICO, HE WAS HAPPY TO REPORT THAT AFGHANISTAN, ALTHOUGH NONALIGNED MEMBER, HAD HAD BENEFIT OF THOROUGH USG BRIEFINGS, WAS ABLE TO JUDGE ISSUE ON ITS MERITS, AND THEREFORE SUPPORTED AMERICAN POSITION.

3. LEWIS REPLIED THAT OUR NEW EMPHASIS ON MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY SHOULD IMPROVE THIS SITUATION. HE ADDED THAT WE HOPED OUR EFFORTS WOULD HELP ASSURE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT THIS WOULD SERVE EVERYONE'S INTERESTS. MEETING CLOSED WITH LEWIS AGREEING THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD MEET WITH MALIKYAR, AT HIS REQUEST, PRIOR TO MARCH LOS MEETING IN NEW YORK. INGERSOLL

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